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Staunton's Glory.

To-day and to-morrow Staunton, the historic city in the Valley of Virginia, will celebrate its new title to distinction as the birthplace of Thomas Woodrow Wilson, who is to be the twenty-eighth President of the United States. Upon his arrival at 7:30 o'clock this evening Governor Wilson will be escorted to the brick parsonage, a house built in the old spacious Virginia style with a great show of columns, where he was born on December 28, 1856. There is no feature of Staunton that its now illustrious son can possibly remember, for the Rev. Dr. JOSEPH RUGGLES WILSON and his family moved to Augusta, Georgia, when WOODROW was two years old. There they lived for twelve years, then migrating to Columbia, S. C., and later to Wilmington, N. C., whence the future President set out in 1875 to matriculate at Princeton

His boyhood at Augusta Woodrow WILSON, Tom in those days, must re- people of the Black Hills. member well; one incident vividly. JEFFERSON DAVIS riding under guard through the streets in 1865 to his incarceration at Fortress Monroe. But how ever rich in early impressions the Wilson memory may be. Staunton to the native of Virginia, now grown great, must be a complete blank. Augusta could welcome him with a neighborly feeling. for as a tender sprig he took root there. and his eyes would acknowledge the claim of Augusta to intimacy. But the accident of birth gives Staunton the preeminence, and its right to jubilate none can dispute.

The Wilson family moved to Virginia two years too early for the glory of Ohio. Virginia, once the mother of Presidents, will come into her own again next March, for Woodbow WIL-EON will be the eighth President of the United States who first saw the light on its soil. He will share that honor with WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, MADISON, MONROE, WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON. JOHN TYLER and ZACHABY TAYLOR. As between the two States the score in Presidents will stand: Virginia, eight: Ohio, six. The Presidency has never gone to any man born west of Ohio. which to-day may be regarded as an Eastern State.

Staunton the President-elect will find a progressive city, distinctly a postbellum place, that does not live on its civil war memories, and it will be quick to respond to the New Ideas he brings from New Jersey. Staunton owns not only the works that supply the people with water and the electric plant that lights their homes, but the opera house, where they applaud one night stand melodramas. Furthermore, Staunton could be done. has a business manager, elected annually by the City Corneil, who buys the city's supplies and is boss of its public improvements. In fact, Staunton may the President-elect.

For Secretary of Agriculture. Those good and only old American families, the copper colored brethren whom COTTON MATHER used to call "the Tawnies" and the dime novels "varmints" and "Injun devils," have long given up their ancient business or pleasure of raising (or lifting) scalps. Whole tribes of them are rather more civilized than the whites, forehanded, mounted perhaps on devilwagons instead of ponies, utterly remote from the "fiends" of the Deerfield massacre and Indian captivity type stories. And as the poor farmer is the most prosperous of men, the poor Indian is naturally a

farmer, and a good one. A number of Indians without a drop of white blood in them won prizes at the Oklahoma State Fair. The Hon. SILAS BACON, Choctaw, got first prize for beans. The Hon. JOSEPH KELLY, Choctaw, took a second for cotton and a first and fourth for corn.

As a change why not make a real old American farmer Secretary of Agriculture? Shall it be the Hon. JOSEPH KELLY, the Choctawcelt, or the Hon. SILAS BACON, the Chootawyankee?

The Shadow on the Black Mountain

For the people of the Black Mountain the agricultural population, added to him.

the unconquered defences of Scutaria and imperative demand for it as a daily calls him. Why "old"? Surely he is of new cause of apprehension has arisen.

are whose forces are still struggling before the unconquered defences of Scutaria and imperative demand for it as a daily calls him. Why "old"? Surely he is of have superprinted with the words in Italian, Henry and I don't know what other languages in the same age, whatever it was, that he brew and I don't know what other languages in the same age, whatever it was, that he new cause of apprehension has arisen. article of consumption, the Chinese the same age, whatever it was, that he Long ago there came from Vienna warn- Government entered upon an agree- had forty odd years ago; or rather he ings that even success at Scutari would ment with England to abolish its culti- must be getting younger as the Grapenot mean ultimate possession, while vation and sale because of the terrific vine gets older. Austrian army corps gathered in Dal-

for Montenegrin expansion.

magnificent naval station. But while abolish the opium habit. the bay.

negrin capital.

thought of an Austrian Toulon facing crops in proportion to cotton. than Montenegrin defenders.

The wrath of the people of the Black been compelled to watch helplessly may well be held up as an example to while Austria acquired Dalmatia, whose the world. people are Serbs, annexed Bosnia and Herzegovina, as Serb as Touraine is "The World" on the Indictments. French, and with a sudden access of humanitarian emotion slammed shut the Albanian "window on the sea." Now comes the claim of Lovcen-as "compensation for Austrian friend-At least it is not difficult to ship. sympathize with the bitterness of the

College Socialists.

The fourth annual convention of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society begins in this town to-day. Many major and minor institutions East and West send representatives, and even half a dozen

associations of graduate socialists. Who can help wishing well to these young gentlemen whose utopian and generous passion for an old dream perpetually new brings them here? Who seem to its readers as if we misunder- larities contain gross obvious inference. Manhattan in the holidays is the general or supposed that they were intended capital of the undergraduate world?

even ten years how many of these en- said was this: thusiasts will be true to the faith? How many will have fallen by the way, been the indictment that if either Mr. CHAMBERLIN it that in the majority of cases, when any-distillusioned by facts, by life, by the or Mr. Swithers is a constitutor guilty of thing is, so to speak, Americanized, it is disillusioned by facts, by life, by the or Mr. SMITHERS is a conspirator guilty of necessity of making a living? The so- criminal restraint of trade, thus rounding income may last longer.

We feel a sort of liking for young colthem have, unconsciously a spirit of them have, unconsciously a spirit of had originally been contemplated by the latter things as they are and of longing for minorities and unropular song of longing for minorities and unropular song of longing for minorities and unropular song or minorities and longing for minorities and unpopularities. If the Socialist party were in power we wonder how many of these college socialists would care for it.

to stand on its head, to question all poli-scription of the proceedings undertaken ties and conventions; which finds an in- by the Department of Justice; tellectual superiority in being "different" and treading on the opinions and preju- Mr. MELLEN and Mr. CHAMBERLIN that dices of its elders. But wait till it comes the cessation of work by the Southern New to forty year, to thirty-five year, to England on its line into Providence on Nothirty year! It would be great sport vember a last, which ceesation brought on the

Self-Restraint of the Chinese.

The political revolution in the Celesbe able to contribute a few novelties tial Empire has been the most amazing to the Hon. Woodbow Wilson's reper- event of modern history because the tory. However that may be, trumpets true characters of this nation appear prevent the construction and completion will blare, drums will beat, flags will to have been a closed book to the out- of any of the Grand Trunk New England strain at their staffs, and all day long side world. Who would have believed extensions, to prevent the operation of the through Staunton streets will sound the that a people regarded as a prototype Grand Trunk steamship line between this tread of marching feet on the 28th of of the most imperturbable and passive city and Providence," &c. December, anniversary of the birth of on earth would overturn its ancient In their bearing on the alleged con-Government, the foundation of which spiracy the omission and failure noted seemed to be indestructible, so rapidly above are something more than merely and with a spirit so foreign to the leth-incidental and corroborative. They argy which has always been regarded present not only crucial but also novel tures," and however successful the "vodvill" as its characteristic?

not have surprised those who have is likely to recognize their importance noted the self-restraint manifested by as the case proceeds. Meanwhile THE

dental peoples been under the alcohol curse. Moreover the opium habit is not so fatal as is the alcohol habit, which the Old Grapevine at the southeast cordiminishes the number of those who her of Eleventh street and Sixth avenue pursue it but also brings fresh victims is to vend mutton pies and ale no more into the world who have inherited the after January 1. A dingy gabled wooden dread habit. The production of opium memorial of the eighteenth century, it was an industry more valuable than is is known to everybody who loves earlier that of alcohol elsewhere. The Chinese farmer cultivated it as the Southern farmer in our country cultivates cotton, improvement? ALEC MCCLELIAND, its as a crop which always yields a cash impassive Scotch owner and proprie- partner, Goldrich, were standbys in the Harrigan return. It is so small in bulk that tor, seems to be a conservative of lit is odd that your correspondent "C. D. N.

drawbacks, involving serious loss to hour of retirement has struck even for

matia and Bosnia and Austrian devo- In 1907 the so-called "ten year agree- hattan codgers (but perhaps there are tion to an autonomous Albania grew ment" provided that the English Gov- none outside of the hallowed liberties daily. But now a new danger comes ernment would reduce the quantity of of the Ninth Ward) repeat or invent from the Dual Monarchy, the danger opium sold in Calcutta for export to reminiscences of the Village House, the

that Austria may ask "compensation" China 10 per cent. every year until the Golden Swan, the Woodbine, and this This "compensation" is easily recog- China would diminish its production and sturdy enough at that. The thing negro look down on the Bay of Cattaro, her the two Governments proposed pondering is not his mutton pies, which

Austria holds the shores and foothills This arrangement was regarded as sober brightness of his pewter or the about Cattaro, the mountain of Loveen utopian if not absurd even by those fact that he had or used to have old in Montenegro, up whose face the who were the most anxious for its suc- fashioned waiters that angrily scorned one highway of the Black Mountain cess, because the imperative nature of a tip. No, and this is the reason why country climbs in innumerable lacets, the opium habit combined with the de- he should be mentioned with honor, he is Montenegrin, and from it the heavy structive interference with long estab- kept the law invariably and strictly. artillery which the Czar has given his lished economic conditions appeared to He shut on time to the second or earlier. friend King Nicholas could command render its execution impossible. The He kept a curlous and self-respecting actual achievement is amazing. After place. Yet he must have been pros-"Give us Lovcen and take Scutari," the lapse of two years opium smoking perous for years too many to count. this is the suggestion coming from Vi- had become so limited by public opinion An example to be recommended, though enna, where even the affection for Al- that it was done mostly surreptitiously in vain, to a good many utterers of the banians has a purchasable value. But to a greater extent than in public, as cup that beers. the difficulty of the brave little people we are informed by Lord HUGH CECIL'S of the Black Mountains is plain. If work on "Changing China." On his Lovcen facing west commands Cattaro, first visit to China he had found between facing east it walls the horizon of the Harbin and Hankow the fields near the regular instead of a volunteer. Montenegrin capital of Cettinje. If in railroad presenting a fascinating color its present hands it commands a pos- picture of the poppy flowers; two years sible Austrian Toulon, in Austrian hands later this was replaced by cereals to it would be like Montmartre in the grasp such an extent that they were conof the foes of France for the Monte- spicuous by their absence. In Yunan, which was the most prolifle poppy dis-Fortunately for the soldier race of trict, the latter has now after the lapse his size. King Nicholas, Montenegro will not of five years been supplanted by cotton lack advocates in her resistance to this and silk. The importation of rice, the Austrian demand. Son-in-law VICTOR staple food of the Chinese, has been EMMANUEL, who is King of Italy, even reduced several million dollars. The though the ally of Francis Joseph, beneficial result resembles that of the future, for instance, Constitution, Conwill hardly grow enthusiastic at the South, which now cultivates more food stellation, Congress, Franklin, Bon Homme

the Italian shore. As for the Czar, the Although some difficulty appears to cannon he gave his proclaimed friend have arisen during the past few days, were not intended merely as a peace there is no doubt that the Chinese will offering. If Loveen is to be captured steadily and patiently continue to drive by Austrians, it is likely to have other this foe to its prosperity from the new republic.

A people that has accomplished so

Trunk's proposed extensions in New

England the World remarks: "The Grand Trunk's decision not to en gage in further construction in New England may properly be cited as corresponding the offence, but it was not the offence itself. There is no purpose anywhere to compel

susiness. There is a very serious determination on the part of most Americans to punish those who engage in monopolistic By quoting a part of what THE SUN said the other day about one of the vertently omitting another part of what

"And it would seem from the language of cialist beliefs of those fortunate or un- out and establishing Mr. Mellen's guilt, His self-assertion of course persuaded me fortunate persons with an independent the crime committed by the Canadian con- that he wasn't anything of the spirator or conspirators presents a negative | he confessed himself a cynic I might have quality rather than a positive that is, it We feel a sort of liking for young college socialists. Their ardor is good to consists of the omission or failure to consee, and then they have, or many of struct certain railway extensions and to There is one saving clause in satire, which

That the language of the indictment does raise this question is self-evident. Healthy and happy youth, which loves | We quote from the World's news de-

with the New Haven system.

"It has been repeatedly denied by both making human nature over, if only it present indictment, was caused in any way Hart commenced his professional career in almost see the sturdy form of Frank Brangwyn, could be done.

Providence as a boy singer, he having a chewing his pipe, bending over his sketch book. and the Grand Trunk.

We quote next the language of the management. indictment defining the crime in restraint of trade:

"Unlawful and corrupt conspiracy

And yet these wonderful events should determination of the court. The World and dance men are but a memory. A few I have

According to our neighbor the Tribune

depreciating influence upon its people. Let timestained severely local Man-

traffic in it ceases entirely, and that Old Grapevine now on its last legs Excerpts From a Talk With the Latest When Is It Proper to Send Them and Are mizable. On the west the hills of Monte- at the same rate. In this radical man- about McClelland and his house worth the finest harbor of the Adriatic and to curtail the supply gradually until it are probably surpassed by the Boston into the world, "when you take up your capable of being transformed into a was entirely cut off, and thus effectually Bell in Hand's, and the taste for which duties between the sixth and seventh has to be acquired anyway; nor is it the strokes of midnight on December 31

> The Hon WILLIAM LOPE Jr. is plainty to rejoin the hosts of conservation as a

Slain after dinner. Lexington despatch. Even in Breathitt county the glad Christ-try to make us believe. mas spirit makes itself felt.

has at last encountered a snowstorm of

In his annual report Admiral ANDREWS, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, suggests that the names of historic American ships be given to our dreadnoughts in look out for yourself. Keep your hands Richard, Niagara, PERRY's flagship on Lake Erie. Why not? The practice of giving the names of States to battleships would have more to commend it if local pride were excited and enlistments increased thereby. But when a great ship is called the Utah or the Arkansas do the young men of the States honored come forward with enthusiasm to join the navy? Hills is easily comprehensible. Serbs, wonderful a revolution in the conquest And when any of their sons enlist are they like their brethren of Servia, they have of opium is capable of great things and drafted to the Utah or the Arkansas? The been compelled to watch helplessly may well be held up as an example to naming of battleships nowadays is mere routine and perfunctory. It is not to be denied that naming a dreadhought the Constitution or the Constellation would revive glorious memories and have a Of the abandonment of the Grand significance that would create greater interest in the navy.

POPULAR SONGS.

Is It True That Many of Them Are Coarse.

Vulgar or Profane? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir people to spend their money in competitive middle aged spug, it is entirely without prejudice that I agree with the action of Washington association in its reques to members and visitors to refrain from the refrains of some native popular songs. These modern ditties are an abomination to me, whereas years ago no one was more insistent in dinning into the ears of every one within hearing distance "Ada, Ada, how novel features of the New Haven and I love my Ada," or "Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer, do," and so on. There was something compellingly modest about these strains, whereas nowawe said, our neighbor perhaps makes it days, though just as simple, these popul will be so mean as even to think that stood the nature of the proceedings, which destroy any other merit they possibly censors at the present time, and there most to establish compulsory competition. certainly ought to be a censor of popular But at the end of twenty or fifteen or A non-quoted part of what THE SUN songs, a capable bewdlertzer—though I should be sorry to be that functionary

Without prejudice I so further Why is invariably vulgarized? I met an author last year who boasted that he was a satirist. who demand them don't require gross and rass vulgarity or infamous inference. When it is found necessary to call in the ame of the Deity and His angels to emphaze the worth of a popular song, and I saw this done not so very long ago, isn't it about

SONG AND DANCE MEN.

Some Great Names and Famous Variety Teams of the '70s.

NEW YORK, December 26.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: . Tony wonderful sweet voice, at the Washington Varieties under Stalker and Hopkins's working like a boy enjoying a new sensation. Working like mad under the inspiration of the management.

and dance men. Originally Harrigan and Hart were in this class and their "Slavery who feel that art is universal, not national. Days" act was on the same lines as Harris and Carroll followed in their original specialty, "The Old Slave's Return," and their rendering of "Old Black Joe", and camp meeting hymns constituted a good Ethiopian act. William Harris has since gained fame as a member of the great theatrical syndi-His son Henry B. Harris was a victimof the Titanic disaster.

We used to think in old variety days that of those best known in the '70s were Sherdan and Mack, Delehanty and Hengler, "the this people in the energetic and efficient execution of the agreement to abolish the opium traffic. In this regard they have put to shame the Western peoples in pursuit of the same object with regard to alcohol.

Opium smoking has been the national vice of the Chinese, who have been even more enthralled by it than have Occidental peoples been under the alcohol

An Old Manhattan Institution.

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Monarchs," McKee and Rogers, Wayne and Lovely, Walters and Morton, Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Gotton and Brudey, Cotton and Birdue; Girard Bradey.

Lovely, Walters and Morton, Johnson and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Brudey, Sandford and Wilson, Harper and Stansill (had each one leg), Johnson and Br Monarchs," McKee and Rogers, Wayne and

Harrigan-Hart-Brahamnese.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: Many thanks to you and to "W. J. M." of Schenectady for his Harrigan-Hart reminiscences. Every song you is well known to me, even the "Little Green Leaf" song. In my big scrapbooks in which I have preserved the programmes of some forty-five years theatregoing I find that I never missed

costly and cumbersome transportation the conservatives, but perhaps he got is avoided.

Despite this and other economic many of his ancient clients, perhaps the for I remember having so heard them many times. He is indeed right in saying there are not so many the whocks, involving serious loss to hour of retirement has struck even for I rish drivers nowadays, more's the pity. To-day, order to have the drivers of to-day sing them to gether, even if the rules of their un CLINTON, Conn., December 26.

' Intricate.

Governor Wilson, we wonder if anywhere Is there existing a double to trouble you? Patth, it's a job that should be very difficults How could be double you, W. W.? FATHER TIME'S ADVICE.

of His family to Go to Work.

"My son," said Father Time as his youngest son was preparing to venture you will be greeted as young, innocent and unsophisticated. It is a favorite delusion of mortals that I send my chilto face the struggle for existence. "You know better. You are fully aware of my refusal to manage my affairs

the way men manage theirs. But flatter these simple folk by pretending that you are just as ignorant and just as foolish as they believe you to be. Remember that nothing else irritates a human being so much as to find wisdom where he has prepared to encounter folly. Besides, the stupider you appear to be the less art men will use in their ef-

forts to deceive you. Bear always in mind that a baby stare is more valuable to a woman than a head full of brains. The fourth dimension is front, and it isn't half as elusive as mathematicians eral years ago. He took it upon himself to

It is not necessary for you or any member of our family to become alarmed The Hon, WILLIAM HANFORD EDWARDS over the wickedness of the world or enthusiastic over its goodness. Those who has 'only a short space to spend in the vild may waste their substance over or folks' wrongs and rights. I and mine, having a monopoly on time, clean and attend to your business. When you see a clock that is striving to convince people you are younger or older than you are, don't lose your temper or bother to set it right. If the clock thinks it is fooling you or anybody else, let it

enjoy itself. Don't you be a kill joy. Never allow yourself to become irritated at persons who think they are kill-Bear in mind that they can't hurt me, and they may extract some happiness from their hallucinations. Many a crazy man is locked up simply because other folks hate to see a fellow enjoy himself in a way that isn't theirs. There is something more to sanity than complete agreement with the man you are talking to, but most humans refuse to recognize this.

You will be besought to change your schedule for the benefit of lovers, those condemned to death and others. Pay ne attention to their urgings. Neither you nor anybody else can better the lot of those whom the regular course of nature does not satisfy. Nor should you heed the pleas of those who want their infants to remain children. Hurry the children along, for there may be some worth while men and women to come from them, and the world needs them.

"There will be folks who will ask you to run backward for a while to give them opportunity to correct their mistakes. Be deaf to them. If you give them another chance, they will simply make fresh mistakes and bring trouble and confusion on persons who have been fortunate enough to escape in the past.

"When somebody tries to hurry you up and explains how important it is that he should be living next week, remind him that the wind travelled 1,757 miles last week and that it didn't get anywhere in spite of all its hurry.

"Your brother, whom you are to relieve, has accumulated a great pack full of tremendously important things. Take it from him and dump the load in the deepest part of the deepest ocean. Travel light. Be good. Otherwise you will never be truly happy."

The British Etcher of New York Towers. Henry Resterabil in the Craftsman.

Brangwyn's sense of weight is akin to that of Piranesi, the old Italian, and among moderns is found in the plates of MacLaughlin, and it quali-lies Frank Brangwyn as the delineator of our kyscrapers, hitherto a subject of weak renderepresent. I can imagine Brangwyn drinking the beauties of the Panama Canal, of the nstruction period. His fat, rich lines would pity the titanic struggle, the giganticness of the thing-the masculinity of thousands of men eclipsing the pyramids. Instead we have femi-nine echoes of a Whistler, their cobweb daintiness depicting the greatest engineering feat of man. But Brangwyn will soon visit America and we may then enjoy with him the rising sky scrapers under the setting sun with the traffic of the harbor at their bases. I visualize already his rapid sketches of the great expanse of the East River. he jam at the Battery, the beauties of High iridge, the city as it rises from the bay. I can dimost see the sturdy form of Frank Brangwyn. A correspondent of THE SUN mentions Fox native etchers have falled to carry the clan of and Ward and Quilter and Goldrich. They continued their professional career as song the more will Brangwyn's orchestration in black and dance men. Originally Harrigan and and white be eagerly awaited by virile thinkers

"Personal Wearing Apparel."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I have lately been representing a client in a claim against. a railway company for freight articles lost in transit and consigned to this city under a bill of lading excluding liability for haberdashery and garments that constitute the cloak and fur trade. The company has agreed to settle for furniture and other goods that were sldetracked, but re-fuses to make amends for a clock, a lot of plesong and dance men were "important fea- tures, lace curtains, &c., on the ground that it is not responsible for "articles of personal wearing

ticked and might be listed as articles of persona adornment; but by what authority is the agate timeplece that sits on the mantel next to father's photograph listed as a portable chattel? In these days of sartorial success and advanced dressing correct nomenclature is developing into an art.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., December 24.

The Fate of Mere Man.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: I really feel sorry for bachelors. What is to become of them I don't know. Woman has advanced so mentally that man is no longer even a companion for her: so of course marriage is out of the

Mothers may wish their daughters to marry, but they are old fogles and don't count. The situation is, I fear, hopeless for man in search of a wife. I can only see Mount Athos for him. JAMES D. DEWELL, Jr. NEW HAVEN, Conn., December 26

Monte Carlo. TO THE FOITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Once while

sitting in the beautiful garden of the gambling palace at Monte Carlo these lines formed themselves in my mind:
Like waters of some treacherous swamp Whose stagnant pools bright colors show;

Where dark recesses foul and damp Lie hidden in the depths below; So Monte Carlo's gilded towers Point as to fortune bright and fair. But under them a few she May bring a lifetime of despair W. FRASER.

PRILADELPHIA, December 26. California's First Rice Crop.

From the Los Angeles Tribune.

The harvesting of the first rice crop in this ection of the country is now in progress industry centres chiefly about Richvale, vicinity of which place about 12,000 acres of land have been planted to rice. Figures from the first three or four days of harvesting show that will average about 5,000 pounds

Knicker—I hear Jones had a brilliant idea. Bocker—Yes, he burned Christmas cigars on his tree instead of candica.

"COLLECT" TELEGRAMS.

They a Mark of "Low Breeding"? TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Epis tolary manners was the subject of a lette At the risk of introducing an unpleasan of good will, I feel bound to notice a related ubject which has just been sharply called to my attention. There was brought to my bedside early this morning a telegraph dren into the world entirely unprepared night letter in a bulky envelope, with the announcement that there were dollars charges on the same. The Christmas present seeking messenger was waiting below for the amount of the charges and for the large contribution to his already fat exchequer which the size of the envelope and the charges marked on the outside seemed to warrant him in believing a communication of such importance that its

> has been for many years habitual. But in five years before yesterday I had To-day's "collect" telegram was from disman with whom I had quarrelled sevsend me a long telegram charged with the most intense maliciousness, and sent it collect." Now the question I wish to put

recipient would welcome him with a gener

ous gift. Let me say right here that my occupation is such that receiving telegrams

at all hours of the day and night is and

to you is. When may one send a "collect" telegram? My only other "collect" telegram in this country was received two years ago, when manager of a Canadian bank, since absorbed by another greater bank, sent a "collect" telegram informing me that a note made by a business friend and discounted in said bank by me had gone to was paid forthwith the bank would proceed against the maker and indorser. ishly paid the charges on this telegram but sent it along to the gentleman who made the note. His reply to me was:

Any person, be he bank manager or anything ise, who sends a collect telegram in of a business agreement providing for the sam sa cad, and the sooner you tell him so the better.

I have inquired from bank manager and other business men of the highest standing, men most particular about thei business manners, and I find the consen sus of opinion to be that sending "collect telegrams is a practice indulged in only by persons of low breeding. It is considered rotten bad form.

The manager of one of Canada's greates banks said to me to-day:

The sending of a telegram "collect" puts th der in bad. It is a sign of weakness and in the absence of an arrangement between the par-ties is inexcusable. It is even worse than the egend in rubber stamp at the bottom of so man; American letters we see nowadays, "Dictated but not read."

Bad manners in telegraphing seems a live ubject and I am sure that STN reader who have more time than I have to deal with the subject will deal with the comprehensively and definitively.

AN EXPATRIATED AMERICAN.
OTTAWA, Ont., December 24.

IN CHINTADRIPETTAH.

A Noble If Somewhat Intricate Speci men of Babu.

From the Madras Christian Patriot. is an uncontroverted fact that the running the tram car to lyah Mudaly street, Chir adripettah, is on the whole a source of over difficulties to the vehicular and pedestrian traffi tue to the overcrowdedness of the locality. This is much aggravated, especially at the curve of the said street, opposite to the Chintadripettah Market, where Arunachala Nalkan road crosses owing to very heavy traffic. Generally in the evenings the ladies and gentlemen who go out for a drive either to Mount road or Beach from Egmore and its vicinity through Arunachale Naikan road near the market are apathetically constrained to subject themselves to undergo hardships, as invariably they get themselves bewildered to move about in any one direction easily, owing to the disgusting congestion of traffic, and while matters are so it is understood that this pettah is shortly to have another marke pposite to the present one, perchance to add

The rumor that is getting an invidious current here is that one of the proprietors of the Chir tadripettah Market owns lands also opposite to it and that he desires it to be metamorphosed into a market with an isolated view of getting good income, and who by some hook or crool of his proposal, which is well demonstrated by the preliminary construction that is now operation. In this connection it appears the lead-ing residents of Chintadripettah have submitted a memorial to the president of the of Madras very recently expressing their indig-nant disapproval of the sanctioned measure, and the result is anxiously expected.

In the meanwhile would it in any way be incon-

gruous on my part in the best interests of the public in general and residents of Chintadripettah in particular to draw the attention of the honor-able members of our council to cooperate with the memorialists to obviate the cumbersome and alpine difficulties likely to sprout by the presen measure, which is held in the opinion of the public as that of a destructive one instead of a construc-PRACOCK CELL, CHINTADRIPETTAH, November 6

An Old Christmas Carol.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Was it you fault or the proofreader's that the comma was misplaced in the headline of your Christmas editorial article? Instead of reading "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen!" It should have been "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen!" See "As You Like It." Act V., scene 2, where William says "God rest you merry, sir!" "To rest merry" is good old English and is good sense. The old carol reads

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Tet nothing you dismay, Por Christ our Saviour Lord was born Upon a Christmas Day. In "The Merchant of Venice," Act I., scene similar usage may be seen, where Shylock says Antonio "Rest you fair, good signior. NEW YORK, December 26.

"More Complete" and Its Analogues. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: "Dr. Syn ax" might have added that "completue" sometimes given in the comparative degree by Latin writers, that Chateaubriand wrote, "Cesar est l'homme le plus complet de l'histoire." that Tennyson's "neater and completer" of "Maud" and the "fuller crimson comes upon the robin's breast" of "Locksley Hall" show the same usage.

By Request.

TO THE POITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: One of you East Orange correspondents, discussing old songs, says: "I can also sing 'The Violet I Plucked from Mother's Grave." Kindly ask him not to. SONG LOVER

LOUISVILLE, Ky., December 24,

BROOKLYN, December 26.

A Christmas Pudding. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Can some of your readers send the recipe for Christmas

To a Monetary Magazine Muse.

pudding published in THE SUN some twenty year

Vague images, dull verse, and rhythm teiling Us naught. One looks for sense and shape in verse com

Sweet thought. In this what thought there is all clouded o'er Abides. And every one the more he reads the more

pelling

The fines are steeplechased, and rise and fall It's certain that such slipshod stuff is all

Light would not be all quenched were bards co.

pelled To cease And not assuredly if you had held Your peace. Your ode may likely please esthetic souls And tame.

But, though it brings you dollars, it enrolls

LA TOUCHE HANCOCK.

WOULD FREE FIFTH AVE. OF ALL VEHICLE STANDS

Census of Traffic Shows the Horse All But Eliminated by the Motor.

ASK NEW TRAFFIC RULES

Experts Count 12,690 Convey. ances in Four Hours-Favor Redivision of Roadway,

President Robert Grier Cooks and the traffic experts of the Fifth Avenue Association outlined legislation vester day that they will ask from the Alder men for the relief of traffic congestion in the avenue. The association suc gests that two-thirds of the roadway should be given to vehicles moving south from 8 A. M. to 10 A. M., and to northbound vehicles from 4 P. M. to P. M. It recommends the placing of cab stands in the less congested elde streets and it asks merchants to keep enough room at their curbs so that the electric buses will not have to pause out in the roadway and hold up the stream of traffic.

For three weeks the association's investigators have been studying the traffic problem and counting the number of vehicles that pass the busy corners of the avenue. Their observacember 14, from 2 P. M. to 6 P. M. 10.048 vehicles were moving north and south at Fifth avenue and Forty-secand street, the busiest of all the corners, and that in the same time 2,642 were moving east and west in Forty-second

The next busiest spot was at Fortyseventh street, where 8,619 vehicles moved north and south and 1,779 moved At Thirty-fourth street the traffic

was 6,978 north and south, and 2,245 east and west, while at Twenty-seventh street the count was 5,123 north and south and 1,874 east and west. The average hourly movement of vehicles past any given point was a few more than 1,700 Eighty-four per cent. of the vehicles

were motor driven, and this observa-tion demonstrated how rapidly the horse is being eliminated. Only about 3 per cent, of the vehicles were business wagons or vans, and the heavy trucks have almost disappeared from the avenue. "Our observations," said President looke yesterday, "convinced us that the

Aldermen should not permit the cruising cabs to hamper and impede traffic There are eighty-seven of these cabe and they are moving constantly up and down. We can't very well get along without them, but they should be required to operate from stands placed in the less crowded side streets. The big buses frequently have to stop for as much as a minute in the second line of vehicles, out in the roadway, because merchants crowd their curbs with wagons or motor cars. Merchants should agree to devote at least twenty-five feet of space for the use of the buses "Another improvement that has al ready been put in operation is the scientific timing of interrupting the flow

of traffic at the crossings. Formerly the traffic policemen required north and south traffic to halt for the same length of time as east and west traffic, about fifty seconds. But that was not intelligent, because there is so much more north and south traffic than there is east and west traffic. Now, the policemen hold up east and west traffic for 100 seconds and delay north and south traffic only about 35 seconds.

"Empty vehicles cause much of the congestion. This is particularly so in the evening when there are so many motor cars going down town to pick up their owners. could ust as well use Madison avenue

"Still another improvement would be to permit the heavy downtown traffic of the morning hours to have twothirds of the roadway, and to let the heavy uptown traffic of the evening have two-thirds.

"If merchants and citiens will help is with these suggestions and if the Aldermen will give us an ordinance or two I am sure that there will be a vast relief in the traffic congestion of the finest street in the world.

NEW MAN TO MAINTAIN ROADS.

Supt. Reel Appoints Engineer Stars devant to Foley's Place. ALBANY, Dec. 26 .- State Superintend-

ent of Highways C. Gordon Reel to-day reorganized the maintenance department of the State Highways Commission by appointing James H. Sturdevant who has been a division engineer, with headquarters at Watertown, in place of Charles F. Foley of Lockport. Mr. Sturdevant is a Cornell man and has been building roads since 1902.

Supt. Reel had no adverse criticism to make of Mr. Foley's work, except that he believed the work should be in charge of an engineer and a man versed in the details of road construction. Supt. Reel talked recently with Governor-elect Sulzer and made it plain that it was most important to keep the completed roads good.

State Engineer Bensel a week ago had the Highways Commission adopt a resolution asking First Deputy Foley and Division Engineer Spencer J. Stewart to explain why the resurfacing of two roads in Westchester county had been held up since last June.

ALBANY TO HAVE NAVAL FORCE.

Lieut.-Commander dekay Directed to Organize a Division.

ALBANY, Dec. 26 .- Lieutenant-Commander Eckford C. deKay, military secretary to Gov. Dix, has been directed by Adjt.-Gen. Verbeck to organize division of the State Naval Militis is

There are branches of the Naval Miltia now in New York, Brooklyn, Roch ester and Buffalo. Coincident with the agitation by prominent business me in Albany and Troy to make scaper of these cities through the deepening of the Hudson River, Commander de Kay said to-night that the organize here was timely.

Lieutenant-Commander deKay et listed as a seaman in the Naval Maris in 1896, estring continuously sines